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<p>(54) Title: ELECTRONIC TONGUE</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>Electronic tasting carried out by feeding short electrical pulses to electrodes and a registration of current and/or voltage transients for these pulses (at distinct times). For each test sequence a number of pulses with different voltages are used. The obtained signals are then recognized or compared by a pattern recognition program in a computer for instance, to see if a liquid substance such as beer or milk lies within set quality limits.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>The figure consists of two vertically aligned graphs sharing a common horizontal time axis. The top graph plots Voltage (V) against Time, showing a rectangular pulse that rises from a baseline, stays at a constant high level for a duration, and then falls back to the baseline. The bottom graph plots Current (A) against Time, showing two distinct responses. The first response, labeled 'Curve A', shows a sharp rise in current at the start of the voltage pulse, followed by a smooth exponential decay back to the baseline. The second response, labeled 'Curve B', shows a sharp drop in current (a negative spike) at the end of the voltage pulse, followed by a smooth exponential decay back to the baseline. The time axis is marked with points 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd' for the first pulse and 'a'', 'b'', 'c'', 'd'' for the second pulse.</p> </div>		